

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A digital video disc device, comprising:

a rewritable flash memory of prescribed size in which key data associated with information on a digital video disc is recorded in advance in a prescribed address in an unused specific area; and

means for accessing the information on said digital video disc using said key data read from said prescribed address in said flash memory; wherein

random data is written in all of the unused area around an area where said key data is recorded in said specific area of said flash memory, and

the key data is configured to be modified by a key data writing equipment.
2. (Original) The equipment for a digital video disc according to claim 1, wherein

said key data is an encryption key for equipment for encrypting and recording the information on said digital video disc.
3. (Original) The equipment for a digital video disc according to claim 2, wherein

said key data is a decryption key for equipment for decrypting the information read from said digital video disc.
4. (Original) The equipment for a digital video disc according to claim 1, wherein

said key data is a decryption key for equipment for decrypting the information read from
said digital video disc.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of recording in advance prescribed information to be protected against unauthorized access in a rewritable flash memory of prescribed size, comprising the steps of:

writing said prescribed information in a prescribed address in an unused specific area having a prescribed size comparable to one access unit of said flash memory; and
writing random data in all of the unused area in said specific area, around an area where said prescribed information is written in said step of writing, wherein
the writing is performed by a key data writing equipment.

6. (Original) The method of recording prescribed information according to claim 5, wherein
said memory is mounted on equipment for a digital video disc, and
said prescribed information is key data associated with information on a digital video disc.

7. (Original) The method of recording prescribed information according to claim 5, wherein
said prescribed information is a password.

8. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for recording in advance prescribed information to be protected against unauthorized access in a rewritable flash memory of prescribed size, comprising:

means for writing said prescribed information in a prescribed address in an unused specific area having a prescribed size comparable to one access unit of said flash memory; and

means for writing random data in all of the unused area in said specific area, around an area where said prescribed information is written in said step of writing, wherein the writing is configured to be performed by a key data writing equipment.